

TIPS FOR REUNITING LOST PETS QUICKLY

Losing a pet can be devastating. If there was a way to increase the chance of your pet staying home, would you do it? If it was lost, would you want it returned home faster? Everyday pets run away or become lost; here are some tips and recommendations to keep your pets safe.

Keep Dogs and Cats on a Leash

City of Mankato ordinances (9.31, Subdivision 1) require that all pets, including cats are to be on a leash. Having pets on a leash will prevent them from accidentally getting lost or chasing another animal and not returning.



Have a City License for Dogs

Dogs that live inside Mankato city limits are required to have a city dog license (Mankato City Ordinance 9.31, Subdivision 2).

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

- ❖ Why should I have my dog licensed?
 - In addition to being the law, if a dog is impounded and is unlicensed, there is a penalty fee charged at the time the dog is claimed. A license is also issued at that time if its rabies vaccination is current. If the rabies vaccination is not current, arrangements must be made to have that administered.
 - Dogs wearing a license can be reunited with their owners faster, decreasing fees and worry.
- ❖ Where do I get a dog license?
 - Dog licenses can be purchased at the Customer Service desk on the first floor of the Intergovernmental Center, 10 Civic Center Plaza.
- ❖ How much does a license cost and how long is it valid?
 - Dog licenses vary in cost and duration. They depend on the dog's age, whether or not the dog has been spayed or neutered and how long the rabies vaccination is valid. A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of purchase to receive the license.
 - Fee schedule for licenses:

Spayed/Neutered-1 year license	\$5
Spayed/Neutered-2 year license	\$10
Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered-1 year license	\$10
Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered-2 year license	\$20
- ❖ Does my cat need a city license?
 - The City of Mankato does not require cats to be licensed. It is recommended that a cat's vaccinations are kept current for its safety and health.



Have Identification Tags on All Your Animals

Animals that are wearing identification are returned to their owners faster than those that are not wearing identification. This also means that if they are impounded, there are less boarding fees to get them out.

Spay and Neuter Your Pet

In addition to preventing unwanted offspring, which can contribute to animal over-population, research shows that spayed or neutered animals are less likely to run away from home.

For more information about city licenses, call 387-8607. For questions regarding the City of Mankato's Animal Impound, 387-8590 or email lostpets@city.mankato.mn.us.

